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FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L ABIDJAN 7888

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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON IVORY COAST AMBASSADOR
TO SPAIN

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1. PIERRE ANGORAN IS NOT PERSONALLY KNOWN BY EMBASSY
ABIDJAN. THE ONLY BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE IS
AS FOLLOWS:

2. AMBASSADOR ANGORAN WAS BORN IN 1934 IN BINA O NEAR
ABIDJAN. HE ATTENDED SECONDARY SCHOOL IN BENIN (THEN
DAHOMY), THE SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL LANGUAGES IN PARIS,
AND THE INSTITUTE OF DIPLOMATIC RESEARCH IN PARIS. HE
IS A CAREER DIPLOMAT. ANGORAN SERVED IN GERMANY FROM
1961 TO 1968 AS FIRST SECRETARY AND FROM 1968-1974 AS DCM. BEFORE
BEING NAMED AMBASSADOR TO MADRID, HE WAS THE DIRECTOR
FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE. RE-
PORTEDLY, HE HAS CLOSE TIES WITH PHILIPPE YACE, THE PRESI-
DENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND CONSTITUTIONAL SUC-
CESSOR TO PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY.

3. AS EMBASSY MADRID MAY BE AWARE, YACE VISITED SPAIN
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JULY 31 - AUGUST 4. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN OFFICE AND
SPANISH EMBASSY ABIDJAN, YACE'S VISIT WAS OF A PRIVATE
NATURE. HOWEVER, HE DID CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA
AND DISCUSSED THE WESTERN SAHARA. AT THAT TIME, THERE
WERE SOME REPORTS (REFTELS B, C AND D) THAT PRESIDENT
HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY WOULD PLAY A ROLE IN MEDIATING THE
SAHARA DISPUTE. ACCORDING TO FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCES IN

ABIDJAN, HOUPHOUET WILL RETURN TO PARIS IN LATE AUGUST
AND MEET WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING SEPTEMBER 1
TO DISCUSS THE WESTERN SAHARA DISPUTE.
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